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**From:** Bloom, Judy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=5094D85839444B28B2151D11A4FE5961-BLOOM, JUDY]  
**Sent:** 8/17/2021 2:30:12 PM  
**To:** Wirick, Holiday [wirick.holiday@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Email to Pete Wax January 9, 2020 re: NMFS Biological Opinion on Hg

Thanks Holly – an don't stress about this.

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**From:** Wirick, Holiday <wirick.holiday@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 8:25 AM  
**To:** Bloom, Judy <Bloom.Judy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Email to Pete Wax January 9, 2020 re: NMFS Biological Opinion on Hg

Thanks Judy. I'm about to talk with Pete Wax.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,  
Holly

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**From:** Bloom, Judy <[Bloom.Judy@epa.gov](mailto:Bloom.Judy@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** Wirick, Holiday <[wirick.holiday@epa.gov](mailto:wirick.holiday@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Todd, Andrew <[Todd.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Todd.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Email to Pete Wax January 9, 2020 re: NMFS Biological Opinion on Hg

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**From:** Wirick, Holiday <[wirick.holiday@epa.gov](mailto:wirick.holiday@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** Bloom, Judy <[Bloom.Judy@epa.gov](mailto:Bloom.Judy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Todd, Andrew <Todd.Andrew@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Email to Pete Wax January 9, 2020 re: NMFS Biological Opinion on Hg

Hi Judy, thanks so much for your help with the ND WQS approval.

Attached is the email I mentioned to you this morning that I sent to Pete Wax in January 2020, about OW cautioning ND against revising their chronic aquatic life criterion for mercury.

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Anyway, writing the BE is my number one top priority. I want to get it to FWS as soon as possible.

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Thanks,  
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**From:** Wirick, Holiday  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 9, 2020 11:43 AM  
**To:** Wax, Peter N. <pwax@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Biological Opinion

Hi Pete, as a follow-up from the call yesterday, attached is the Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service on the ESA consultation for water quality toxics standards for Idaho.

As Erica mentioned, NMFS concluded that EPA's chronic WQC for mercury (0.012 ug/L) would not protect aquatic life - and may even jeopardize some of the species - and recommends that Idaho move away from the organic number to a methyl mercury number.

The section on mercury and methylmercury is on p. 144-162.

Thanks. Talk with you soon.

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